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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - COMMITTEE I: SOCIAL AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. SESSION OPENED AUGUST 20 BY CHAIRMAN SANZ DE SANTAMARIA  
(COLOMBIA) WITH ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN CLIQUET (BELGIUM)  
AND RAPPORTEUR DE GRAFT JOHNSON (GHANA). THIRTY-SIX COUNTRIES  
SPOKE, SOME SEVERAL TIMES. TWO MAJOR THEMES OF DAY: (A) FIFTEEN INTER

VENTIONS CALLED FOR MEASURES TO IMPROVE STATUS OF WOMEN AS  
ESSENTIAL FOR SOLUTION OF HIGH FERTILITY. DIVERSE SUPPORT  
INCLUDED COUNTRIES FROM ALL REGIONS AND POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS  
BLOCS; (B) EASTERN EUROPEANS AND FRANCOPHONE AFRICANS  
STRESSED COLONIAL ORIGINS OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT AND NEED FOR CHANGE  
IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEM RATHER THAN IN BIRTH RATES. ALSO, SOME  
REPETITION OF MAOIST SAYING THAT NEW PEOPLE ADD TWO HANDS TO  
LABOR FORCE.

2. OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS WORTH NOTING. CHINA ATTACKED UNNAMED  
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SUPERPOWERS FOR COLONIALIST PLUNDER OF POOR COUNTRIES.

EGYPT USED ITS EXPERIENCE TO WARN THAT DEVELOPMENT MAY NOT RPT NO  
BRING FERTILITY DECLINE WHILE KOREA CITED CASES OF FERTILITY  
DECLINE PRIOR TO DEVELOPMENT. CHAD AND GUINEA PROJECTED AN AFRICA  
OF SIX BILLION PEOPLE, NEPAL URGED EXPANSION OF CEREAL PRODUCTION,  
PARTICULARLY BY U.S, WITH PROVISION TO POOR COUNTRIES AT CON-  
CESSIONAL PRICES. U.K. PROVOKED DISCUSSION OF SATELLITE TOWN  
AS CURB TO EXCESSIVE URBAN GROWTH WITH MALAYSIA INDICATING  
HIGH COST OF SUCH SCHEMES AND SWAZILAND ARGUING IMPRACTICALITY  
OF THIS APPROACH FOR PREDOMINANTLY RURAL COUNTRIES. BARNES

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